
**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
HIV PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE (PPC)
600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 6th Floor•Los Angeles CA 90005-4001**

MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, March 2, 2006

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

St. Anne's Maternity Home - Foundation Conference Room
155 N. Occidental Blvd.-Los Angeles, CA 90026

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Browne*	Gordon Bunch
Michael Green*	Philip Hendricks
J. Russell Kieffer	Jeffrey King
Miguel Martinez	Dani Mejia
Veronica Morales	Vicky Ortega*
Daniel Rivas*	Ricki Rosales
Sophia Rumanes	Sabel Samone
Kathy Watt	Tim Young

ABSENT

David Giugni
Lori Laubacher

* Denotes present at one (1) of the roll calls

OAPP STAFF PRESENT

Chi-Wai Au	Elizabeth Escobedo	Gary Garcia	John Mesta
Pamela Ogata	True Pawluk	David Pieribone	Rafeeq Rahim
Martha Teresa Ruiz	William Strain	Paulina Zamudio	

I. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken at 12:13 PM and a quorum was present.

II. COLLOQUIA PRESENTATION - "Gang Members and HIV in the City of Los Angeles"

Dr. Rosemary Veniegas, UCLA Center for HIV Identification Prevention and Treatment Services, introduced Wendy Schwartz, City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator's Office, and Dr. Ronald Brooks, UCLA Center for HIV Identification Prevention and Treatment Services, Dr. Courtney Malloy, Vital Research and Gwen Umen, Vital Research, who presented on HIV research with gang members in the City of Los Angeles.

A copy of the Power Point presentation titled "Gang Members and HIV in the City of Los Angeles" is attached.

After the presentation, there was a question and answer period.

III. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion #1: The DRAFT March 2, 2005 PPC Meeting Agenda was reviewed and amended by consensus. The amendments to the agenda were:

- Move agenda item VIII – Distribution of PPC Member Survey to after Governmental Co-Chairs Report
- Replace agenda item VIII – Distribution of PPC Member Survey with Discussion on ASSEMBLY BILL 2383 – INMATE HIV TESTING

IV. REVIEW/APPROVAL OF February 2, 2006 MEETING SUMMARY

Motion #2: The DRAFT February 2, 2006 PPC Meeting Summary was reviewed and approved by consensus without correction.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- Miguel Chion, APLA, announced three (3) types of services being offered through APLA Capacity Building Assistance (CBA) Program (funded by the CDC): workshops open to the community, individual services (requested through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) via the Health Department) and Information transfer. Palm Cards are available on the back table.
- Miguel Chion, APLA, announced a "Using Microsoft EXCEL for HIV/AIDS Program Evaluation Workshop" scheduled for March 24, 2006 at "The Village" and a "Web Seminar" is scheduled for April 13, 2006 about HIV, Crystal Meth, and Latinos.
- Eddie Martinez, The Wall Las Memorias, announced the formation Act Now Against Meth Coalition to increase awareness of the Crystal Meth usage and to become activist about this issue. The Act Now Against Meth Coalition goal is to gather 10,000 signatures by March 15th to present to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to declare a state of health emergency in Los Angeles County. Petitions are available on the back table.
- Anthony Margain, AltaMed, announced the Young Men Taking Charge Demonstration Project, which is an outreach project designed for Latino and African-American young men who have sex with men ages 13-24. Brochures are on the back table.
- Alyssa Shepherd-Moore, BaumanCurry & Company, announced The Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS is March 5, 2006 through March 11, 2006. Flyers are on the back table.

VI. PRESENTATION – "LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF AIDS PROGRAMS AND POLICY – FAITH BASED PREVENTION INITIATIVE"

Alyssa Shepherd-Moore, BaumanCurry & Company, Cynthia Tucker, Palms Residential Care Facility, and Ariel Rivera, The Wall Las Memorias presented on the Los Angeles County Faith-Based Initiative.

A copy of the Power Point presentation titled "Los Angeles County Office of AIDS Faith-Based Prevention Initiative" is attached.

After the presentation, there was a question and answer period.

VII. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Operations – The Operations Subcommittee reviewed PPC Membership applications at their last meeting and recommended Scott Campbell, Enrique Topete and Kafi Battersby to the PPC Executive Subcommittee for approval. The PPC Executive Subcommittee reviewed the Operations Subcommittee recommendations and endorsed the recommendations.

Motion #3: Veronica Morales placed a motion on the floor to recommend the following for PPC Membership

MOTION #3a: Recommend Scott Campbell PPC Membership	Ayes: Bunch, Green, Hendricks, Kieffer, King, Martinez, Mejia, Morales, Ortega, Rivas, Rosales, Rumanes, Samone, Watt, Young Opposed: None Abstentions: None	MOTION PASSED Ayes: 15 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
MOTION #3b: Recommend Enrique Topete for PPC Membership	Ayes: Bunch, Green, Hendricks, Kieffer, King, Martinez, Mejia, Morales, Ortega, Rivas, Rosales, Rumanes, Samone, Watt, Young Opposed: None Abstentions: None	MOTION PASSED Ayes: 15 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
MOTION #3c: Recommend Kafi Battersby for PPC Membership	Ayes: Bunch, Green, Hendricks, Kieffer, King, Martinez, Mejia, Morales, Ortega, Rivas, Rosales, Rumanes, Samone, Watt, Young Opposed: None Abstentions: None	MOTION PASSED Ayes: 15 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

- **Evaluation** – Miguel Martinez reported the Evaluation Subcommittee updated and prioritized their 2006 Work Plan. The next Evaluation Subcommittee Meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2006 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 pm at OAPP.
- **Standards and Best Practices-** Jeffrey King reported the Standards and Best Practices Chair and Subcommittee are in the process of reviewing their (SBP) 2006 Work Plan. The next

Standards & Best Practices Subcommittee Meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2006 from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM at OAPP.

VIII. DISCUSSION ON ASSEMBLY BILL 2383 – INMATE HIV TESTING

Kathy Watt announced at the February 27, 2006 Commission on HIV Executive Committee, the Public Policy Subcommittee of the Commission on HIV presented the Inmate HIV Testing Bill (AB 2383). A copy of the bill was distributed. Ms Watt stated the Commission on HIV intends to address AB 2383 at their meeting on Thursday, March 9th. Ms. Watt extended an invitation to the PPC members and the PPC audience to come to the March 9th Commission on HIV Meeting so the prevention community can weigh in and participate in the discussion.

Will Strain, OAPP Public Affairs, provided a brief summary of AB 2383. Assembly Member Mervyn Dymally introduced the Inmate HIV Testing Bill (AB 2383) in this current legislative session. AB 2383 calls for the testing of all inmates in State Correctional Facilities who will be incarcerated for a term of greater than one (1) year. AB 2383 states HIV testing is to be performed at entry to the State Correctional Facilities and upon release from State Correctional Facilities. If an individual tests positive upon release, the individual is asked to participate in a State sponsored Partner Counseling and Referral Service (PCRS) who would notify their sexual partners. Missing from AB 2383 is condom distribution, which is a separate bill AB 1677 (currently in assembly) and AB 2383 does not include provisions for transitional case management and does not strengthen current HIV education in correctional settings.

The PPC members briefly discussed some concerns regarding the bill. After some discussion, the PPC felt that more time is needed to discuss this bill. The PPC also discussed that a forum be established to discuss policy issues affecting HIV prevention.

Motion #4: Kathy Watt placed a motion on the floor to establish a PPC Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee. The motion was seconded by Daniel Rivas.

MOTION #4: Establish a PPC Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee	Ayes: Bunch, Green, Hendricks, Kieffer, King, Martinez, Mejia, Morales, Ortega, Rivas, Rosales, Rumanes, Samone, Watt, Young Opposed: None Abstentions: None	MOTION PASSED Ayes: 15 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0
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The following individuals volunteered for the PPC Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee: Ricki Rosales, Gordon Bunch, J. Russell Kieffer, Tim Young, Dani Mejia, Sabel Samone, Kafi Battersby, Matt Hamilton for Jeff Bailey, Will Strain for Sophia Rumanes, and Anthony Brazier. Daniel Rivas agreed to chair the PPC Policy Ad Hoc Committee. The PPC Policy Ad Hoc Committee is scheduled to meet on March 14th from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM at HIV/EPI (600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 19th Floor Conference Room – Los Angeles, Ca 90005).

IX. BREAK

X. COMMUNITY CO-CHAIRS REPORT

Ricki Rosales reported:

- Participation in a meeting with the Transgender Working Group for the California HIV Planning Group (CHPG) which is starting to build a framework for Transgender health.
- The Universitywide AIDS Research Project (UARP) held its Presenters' Conference in San Francisco and presented on its HIV research around the State.

Kathy Watt reported:

- There are six (6) different studies for the MSM population indicating there is a correlation between childhood sexual abuse and high risk sexual behaviors.
- Ricki Rosales, Sophia Rumanes, John Mesta, Mario Pérez and herself attended an Urban Coalition of HIV AIDS Prevention Services (UCHAPS) Meeting in Houston over the weekend of February 24th through February 26th. Health jurisdictions presented on HIV Rapid Testing and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Diffusion of Effective Behavioral

Interventions (DEBIs) and concerns regarding the deployment of the Program Evaluation Monitoring System (PEMS) were discussed.

XI. GOVERNMENTAL CO-CHAIR REPORT

Sophia Rumanes provided an update of the 2-Day Urban Coalition of HIV AIDS Prevention Services (UCHAPS) Meeting. UCHAPS discussed Rapid HIV Testing. For Los Angeles County, thirteen (13) of the seventeen (17) Community Based Organizations (CBOs) funded by OAPP are performing HIV Rapid Testing. Preliminary limited data indicates CBO's have performed approximately 21,000 tests since January, 2005 up to February, 2006. Based on preliminary data, rapid tests (approximately 9,000 tests) versus non Rapid tests (over 11,000), the preliminary positivity rate for Rapid Tests is about 1.32% and 1.6% for the non rapid tests. OAPP launched rapid testing at the same time as it launched the client data system (HIRS). Currently, there are 51 preliminary positive tests and it is unknown whether the tests have been confirmed. A couple of numbers require correction and the presentation can be made available for the next meeting. In addition, Bernie Branson, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), presented on the CDC's effort to routinize HIV screening in medical settings and its implications for health jurisdictions. There was a discussion about Program Evaluation Monitoring System (PEMS), which is being launched by the CDC to include community planning information, client level data for counseling and testing, health education and risk reduction, and partner counseling and referral services (PCRS) will be entered into PEMS. It was announced at the UCHAPS Meeting that the CDC intends to perform a full reassessment of PEMS and there will be a delay on implementing PEMS. Los Angeles County is an X-PEMS jurisdiction, which means the Los Angeles County has a system in place that can export client level data to its different funders.

AIDS Action provided an update on HIV related budget and appropriations for 2005-2007. AIDS Action and the CDC shared that preliminary communication from the CDC stated that a recession of 1% to 2% is being proposing for prevention.

Michael Green provided a brief update on the National Association of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) Meeting, which was a three day meeting in January, 2006. There were five main points to discuss with the CDC: ineffectiveness and cost of PEMS (the unlikelihood of some states implementing PEMS), recommendation that CDC negotiate national rates for HIV Rapid Testing kits, allowing much greater flexibility at the State and local level for design and construction of the Community Planning process, CDC to eliminate the Capacity Building Assistance (CBA) Program as it is currently designed and distribute the capacity building assistance funds directly to the health jurisdictions, and the members of NASTAD are requesting greater freedom to locally develop and implement new and creative prevention strategies with much less focus being placed on Evidence Based Interventions. Some of the discussions at the February, 2006 UCHAPS Meeting were the results of discussions at the NASTAD.

Michael Green reported the CDC Annual Progress Report (APR) Guidance has been received by OAPP and the report is due on April 13th. John Mesta provided an update on the APR structure and explained what will be requested of PPC members between now and March 29, 2006.

Michael Green reported OAPP received preliminary award notice for Ryan White Title I funds for the Los Angeles EMA. The preliminary notice indicates Los Angeles County will receive for fiscal year 16 (started March 1st), \$34,895,377, reflecting a 5.3% reduction (\$1.9 million) from year 15. Michael Green announced a total of nine (9) CDC grant funding opportunities. Notices are on the back table.

XII. PPC MEMBER SURVEY

Pamela Ogata reported the PPC Evaluation Subcommittee has requested additional time to review the PPC Member Survey for the CDC Annual Progress Report. The final review by the PPC Evaluation Subcommittee will be completed by March 8th. Ms. Ogata recommended all comments and feedback be emailed to pogata@ladhs.org. The PPC Member Survey for the Annual Progress Report will be emailed to PPC Members and is to be emailed or faxed to OAPP. The contact information (email address and fax number) will be on the first page of the document.

XIII. STANDING REPORTS

- **Commission on HIV Services** – Kathy Watt reported the March 9th Commission on HIV is all day and the Dymally Bill will be discussed from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. Standards of Care subcommittee of the Commission on HIV are developing standards for all of the different funded categories (benefits and case management psych social will be discussed at the March 9th).
- **City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator's Office** – Ricki Rosales reported the City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator's Office is working with the Mayor's Office to retrieve some of the funds from the 30% cut in their budget. The City of Los Angeles AIDS Coordinator's Office hopes to release the RFP by the end of March, 2006.
- **HIV Epidemiology** – Gordon Bunch reported HIV/EPI intends to apply for two of the CDC Grant Funding Opportunities listed: CDC-RFA-PS06-006 and CDC-RFA-PS06-009. Anyone interested in collaborating with HIV/EPI on these projects should contact Trista Bingham. Gordon Bunch provided an update on SB 699 (Soto – transition to names based HIV reporting system). The bill was heard by the assembly health committee last Tuesday and passed unanimously.
- **City of West Hollywood** – No Report
- **Alcohol and Drug Programs Administration** – No Report
- **Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Program** - No Report
- **African American MSM Task Force Update** – Jeffrey King reported the AA MSM Task Force met on February 9th and their next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2006.
- **Crystal Meth Task Force Update** – Tim Young reported the final recommendations will be completed by March 10th and are to be reviewed at the March 16th Crystal Meth Task Force Meeting at APAIT.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dani Mejia, APAIT, announced a "Do the Math (Men of Asia Testing for Health) Program". Under a NIH grant, this four year study designed for Asian Pacific Islanders MSM will launch on April 1st.
- Tim Young announced his membership to the California HIV Planning Group (CHPG) and thanked everyone.
- Ricki Rosales announced Jeffrey King was nominated and accepted as a member of the CHPG.
- Jeffrey King, ITMTMG, announced In The Meantime is co-sponsoring "Love is the Message Ball" targeting young African American MSM on March 10th.
- Jeff Bailey announced the City of West Hollywood - WEHO website was launched yesterday and there is a new social marketing campaign underway in West Hollywood.
- Kathy Watt announced Alcohol and Drug Program Administration (ADPA) conducted a Crystal Meth Training yesterday with over 100 participants.

XV. CLOSING ROLL CALL

XVI. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 4:10pm

Note: All agenda items are subject to action.

MOTION AND VOTING SUMMARY		
MOTION: #1: Approve the Agenda order.	<i>Amended Agenda Passed by Consensus</i>	Motion Passed
MOTION # 2: Approve the Meeting Summary from the February 2, 2006 Meeting.	<i>Passed by Consensus</i>	Motion Passed
MOTION #3: Recommend Scott Campbell, Enrique Topete and Kafi Battersby for PPC Membership	<i>Passed by Hand Vote</i>	Motion Passed
MOTION #4: Establish a PPC Public Policy Ad Hoc Committee	<i>Passed by Hand Vote</i>	Motion Passed

NOTE: All HIV Prevention Planning Committee (PPC) meeting summaries, tapes and documents are available for review and inspection at the Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) located at 600 South Commonwealth Avenue, 2nd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90005. To make an appointment to review these documents, please call Cheryl Williams at (213) 351-8126.